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1. BETWEEN 0945 AND 1015 MORNING OF MARCH 30,1978,

AMBASSADOR'S OFFICIAL VEHICLE, 1977 OLDSMOBILE 98 (L/S) WAS
VANDALIZED BY UNKNOWN PERSON(S) WHILE VEHICLE PARKED UNDER SUN
SHELTER AT CHANCERY PARKING AREA. NO KNOWN EYEWITNESSES TO
INCIDENT.

2. VEHICLE SUSTAINED FOLLOWING DAMAGE: (A) WINDSHIELD SHATTERED
BUT NOT RPT NOT IMPOLODED INWARD. THIS DAMAGE OCCURRED WHEN TWO
CEMENT BUILDING BLOCKS WERE THROWN AGAINST WINDSHIELD. (B) THREE
TIRES DEFLATED, BUT NOT RPT NOT SLASHED. (C) ATTEMPT TO SPRING
FUEL CAP FOILED DUE TO LOCKED FUEL CAP, NO RPT NO MATCHES FOUND
NEAR AREA. (D) ATTEMPT TO SPRING OR BREAK RIGHT FRONT DOOR WINDOW
AND REAR WINDOW NOT SUCCESSFUL. (E) NAME SPELLED "SAMIH" SCRATCHED
WITH NAIL ON ROOF OF VEHICLE. (F) RIGHT REAR FENDER SKIRT RIPPED
OFF. (G) FLAG STAFFS BENT AT 90 DEGREE ANGLES BUT FLAGS THEMSELVES
NOT REMOVED OR DAMAGED.

3. AMBASSADOR WAS IN OFFICE AT THE TIME AND WAS NOT RPT NOT
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SUBJECT TO HARM OR ATTACK.

4. PERSON(S) WHO DAMAGED VEHICLE AND SCRATCHED NAME OF "SAMIH"
ON ROOF OF VEHICLE MAY WELL BE SAMIH AHMED MEREI A MENTALLY UN-
STABLE PALESTINIAN WHO HAS THREATENED EMBASSY OFFICERS IN THE PAST.

5. CAPITOL POLICE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND THEY HAVE DUSTED VEHICLE

FOR FINGERPRINTS, AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO APPREHEND SAMIH FOR QUESTIONING.

6. PROTOCOL OFFICE OF MFA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND ASKED TO PROVIDE FOLLOW CAR FOR AMBASSADOR AND STATION ADDITIONAL SECURITY AT THE RESIDENCE.

7. ALL U.S. EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF INCIDENT AND INSTRUCTED TO INCREASE THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY AWARENESS.

8. EMBASSY PSO WILL ADVISE RSO AND DEPT RESULTS OF POLICE INVESTIGATION AND OUTCOME OF CASE.

9. COMMENT: SUSPECT NAMED PARA FOUR ABOVE BEARS GRUDGE AGAINST EMBASSY ON VISA MATTER. NO EVIDENCE TO DATE THAT INCIDENT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED OR PERPETRATED BY ORGANIZED GROUP.

10. FYI: POV BEARING DIPLOMATIC PLATES AND BELONGING TO DCM BROOKS WRAMPMEIER WHICH PARKED NEXT TO AMBASSADOR'S OFFICIAL VEHICLE DID NOT RPT DID NOT SUSTAIN ANY DAMAGE.
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